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Senate Democratic Caucus Task Force to Hold Public Hearing in Muskegon on Insurance Reform

Task force will take public comment on insurance abuses

WHAT: Public hearing commissioned by Senate Democratic Caucus members to address

the high cost of auto and home insurance and solicit testimony on insurance

abuse cases.

WHERE: Muskegon Community College, Stevenson Center, Room 1100, 221 South

Quarterline Rd. in Muskegon

WHO: Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) *Task Force Co-Chair*

Sen. Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) Task Force Co-Chair

Sen. Burton Leland (D-Detroit) Sen. Dennis Olshove (D-Warren)

Sen. Samuel "Buzz" Thomas (D-Detroit) State Rep. Julie Dennis (D-Muskegon)

WHEN: Thursday, August 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

BRIEF: Homeowner insurance premiums in Michigan have risen 23 percent above last

year's level. This task force was established to gather public testimony in order to develop legislation to address insurance abuse and other pressing consumer

protection issues.

The task force will issue a report on its findings this fall. The next hearing will

be held Aug. 25 in Saginaw.